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WHEREABOUTS OF OLD GRAY MARE GREAT QUESTION AT ORLEANS

CITIZENS, FIREMEN, POLICE AND CITY MAYOR MADE A FRIENZIED SEARCH FOR FAITHFUL ANIMAL

RED KUYKENDALL IN HYSTERIC THE WHILE

Search Was Ceased Only After The Old Gray Mare Was Found—Close Investigation Revealed That No Foul Play Had Been Cause of the Frantic Search.

"Have you seen the Old Gray Mare?"

No that is not the pass word of the K. K. K. or the Wandering Willies of Oswego, or any other secret query that will gain your admission to some cellar bar-room. It was a question of vital interest before the recent American Legion Convention at New Orleans.

When General Pershing stepped from his special car during the recent convention at New Orleans with his staff of ram-rod backed officers the first words addressed to him were not of welcome to the city of the convention or anything like that. They were a simple question—a question that had been simple but had, thru usage, become one of the big questions of the day. The question was: "Have you seen the Old Gray Mare?"

The General had not! But this one short coming on the part of "Black Jack Pershing" was soon remedied for just about that time Red Kuykendall rode up on the said, illustrious and now doubly world quadrupled, "The Old Gray Mare," and after whipping a salute to the hem of his "40-8 Chevruux" cocked rakishly across one ear—offered "The Gen" the only dependable transportation in New Orleans at any time day or night that the General would have need of it—for it is a fact of history that "The Old Gray Mare" was the only living thing in the world that could navigate at will over New Orleans during the convention.

But chronologically dissecting—if we may go back to the beginning—Brownwood has a band. In fact that should be written, Brownwood has a band and the A should stand out there like a Jew's nose—very prominent. The Brownwood band has one piece of music—perhaps not a classic and one that Old Sousa would hardly care to claim as his own composition, but it is a piece of music the title of which is "The Old Gray Mare." You know the tune and the rhyme about the "Old Gray Mare" came a tearing out of the Wilderness, many years ago, many years ago, etc., etc. You know it. If you don't you were not in Plainview, in Brownwood, in New Orleans, Fort Worth, in fact you are almost just plain ignorant.

Then, too, Allen Brothers Post of Lubbock has a Red Kuykendall, and since a month or so ago the "40-8"—and you will hear more of them later, adopted the same Red Kuykendall as "Chief de Pham Doalishness" and if you know Red you know how capably he can fill such a position. In fact Red is Irish. He is so Irish in fact that it shines out through his face, behind his ears, in his grin—in fact Red would never be taken for a Jew or a white man. He is all Irish, with the Irish regard for authority, the Irish love of variety and the Irish habit of starting something.

Red went to New Orleans. Brownwood's band went to New Orleans. They went together. Brownwood's Band played "The Old Gray Mare"—Red rode her. The combination was irresistible. So blooming irresistible that they took New Orleans by storm. A little one column cut with six inches of reading matter announced the arrival of General Pershing. A four column picture and five galleys of type announced the arrival of Red Kuykendall and his Old Gray Mare.

The newspapers reported Pershing's address. The newspapers, the moving picture cameras and special staff correspondents reported every move Red and his Mare made from early morning until the next early morning for there was no night in New Orleans, last week. Just a few of the things that they had to report—(See if you think Pershing had a chance against such competition as this.)

First thing off the bat the Texas delegation, five train loads of them, assisted by California's 300, pulled a parade just to let folks know they were in town. The Old Gray Mare led—assisted by the Brownwood Band. The De Sota Hotel was assigned to the Texas delegation. The Old Gray Mare, with Red sitting on the fore-castle like a weather dog of 99 years standing went right on into the hotel, up to the desk and was assigned Room 478. Thus began her five days life such has never been lived by any other horse in the world's history, the Trojan Horse of old not excepted.

Into every hotel in New Orleans the Brownwood Band and the Old Gray Mare went—telling the world that Texas was in town and that "The Old Gray Mare Came a Tearing out of the Wilderness—Many, Many Years Ago" she registered at every desk, inspected every dining room—and when it came time to eat she had a plate placed for her on the counter of the finest cafe in all of New Orleans—three white-robed negroes fed her doughnuts, lettuce, turnip greens, and such

other delicacies as she happened to care for while Red partook of a plate lunch still riding the fore-castle like a Salt Dog of old.

A visit was made to the State House where a note of music that had not been played since 1886—"The Old Gray Mare" by this time could navigate steps better than a man—and in she went—to a second story where the crowd was, right in among the rest of high bows and Brownwood's Band again told them of the trip out of the Wilderness "Many Years Ago." Instead of throwing the whole gang in jail where they should have been the judges came down from their benches and shook hands with Red—congratulated him upon his Jewish face, his Old Gray Mare and Musical Escort and invited him to come back to see them.

The third night in town—and by the way the Major of New Orleans assigned two special men from the City Sanitary Detail to accompany the Old Gray Mare on all of her wanderings—while the said Gray Mare was enjoying a real feed down at the Mounted Police Station—for she was extended the full hospitality of these exclusive down town stables—the wildest report of the convention was turned loose, a report, a rumor, that rocked and swayed that old city from the very foundation of its history—not to mention buildings and prestige. Not even the rumor that Armistice had been signed ever stirred that mob of 100,000 soldiers as did that report—backed up by special details of City Detectives, Police details—clanging patrol wagons and motorcycle cops running here and there. The report was:

Red's Old Gray Mare Was Gone!
With tears in his eyes and a sob in his voice that would have melted the heart of a stone Indian, Red told the Chief of Police that "The Old Gray Mare is gone—(He forgot to add "to dinner.") Pieces by pieces the sad tale was wrung from him—how he had nursed the old gray mare when she was just as orphaned. How with his own hands he had pulled grass for her—ground it in a food chopper and fed her with a spoon. On down through the years when the Old Gray Mare had been his only friend and constant companion—sharing his every trial, trouble, partaking of his last loaf of bread—sharing the only rag he had to cover himself with at night. And now she was gone—

Is there any wonder that the Chief wept like a child and ordered every Reserve Officer in New Orleans to get on the job—to search every rat hole in sixty miles of New Orleans—to leave no stone unturned until the Old Gray Mare was restored to her Heart-Broken Red. Never, in all the history of police organization and crime has such a net been thrown out over a city. In less than two hours every human being within 100 miles of New Orleans had been asked the question that is now listed with the immortal One Sentence sayings such as "Fifty-Four—Fifty or Fight—," "Ex-communicate and be damned," "Beware the Ides of March," "To make the World Safe for the Democrats," and the rest of the world's famous quotations.

"Have you seen the Old Gray Mare?"

Street cars were stopped, automobiles commandeered, trains delayed while every passenger, every official, every person in whatever capacity was asked that question. Young children in the convents were rustled out of bed, nurses in the hospitals, fireman aboard the ships in the harbor—all of them were asked that momentous question.

In exactly 1 hour and 49 minutes—less three seconds—a special squad of New Orleans picked Police reported to Red that the Old Gray Mare was found—(Incidentally right where he left her—in the Police Stables eating fresh alfalfa hay.)

The town went wild—such joy, such celebrating, such noise, rejoicing and music as did fill the air. A chorus of 2,000 strong, husky exercise men spent the rest of the night going from hotel to hotel singing, and incidentally beating tin cans, hammering on the doors of the rooms and otherwise backing up the sentiment of the words:

"You kept us awake last night, Couldn't sleep the night before, We won't let you sleep to-night, If we never do sleep any more."

There is more that might be told. How the Mayor of San Francisco sent special telegrams to both Red and the Old Gray Mare—the latter being addressed thusly:

W. M. Pevehouse Believes in Supporting Progressive Moves

Carlisle School, Oct. 25, 1922
Mr. James L. Dow,
Lubbock, Texas.

Dear Friend—
Why of course the Daily Avalanche will be a success. Like any other venture, it will take time to get it on a paying basis, but if we sit back and knock everything that everyone else tries to do, the constructive element of our country will perish. Somebody must step right up and support the fellow who is trying to do something. I say, all praise to the man or woman who will roll up their sleeves and hit the nail on the head every lick, so here's \$5.00 for the "Daily Avalanche." Seeing that you have been in Lubbock for twenty years, calls to my mind a picture of the struggles you may have had to get the wherewithal to keep soul and body together when the now progressive little city was just a struggling village. But your heart was in the work and your hands were in the ink or you never would have come thru so safely. However, having gone thru that seige, and lived thru the age of the transformation of the prairie into the farm and the village into the town, your faith has been so strengthened and your conviction so deeply rooted that you see nothing in the future but broad farms surrounding Lubbock, "The Best City on the Plains." And I agree with you wholly. I believe I shall live to see the day when Lubbock will eclipse Amarillo. We just simply have the "makings" so to speak—W. M. Pevehouse.

The above letter contains the proper spirit. It will take the co-operation of all the people of this section of the country to put the Morning Avalanche over, still, we believe the money that you invest in the enterprise will be well spent, and will return to you with a large amount of interest.

Not only is it necessary that the people of the town take hold of this daily paper proposition, but the people on the rural routes can be served promptly, and beneficially, and we are glad to state that quite a number of the people who live on the rural routes are responding to this progressive movement and are stepping in line with their support, both morally and financially.

Physical Training Is Feature In the State University

Austin, Oct. 26.—Although freshmen students in the University of Texas may grumble because of the physical training requirement, it is practically impossible for the first-year men to escape taking the customary amount of exercise, according to Roy McLean, instructor in physical training. Those who avoid the most strenuous work because of being physically unfit are given corrective exercises under the supervision of the University medical department, and in special cases students are excused from regular gymnasium classes if they are taking sufficient beneficial exercises while working to earn their expenses. Students participating in athletic contests are also excused from the gym classes. There are ten physical training classes, and a regular program is planned for those enrolled. The first few weeks will be devoted to drills, and pass ball games will begin soon. During the winter term, the freshmen will play basketball, and during the spring term, indoor baseball.

Big Preparations Being Made for A. & M. Thanksgiving Game

Austin, Texas, Oct. 24.—In order to accommodate the large crowd of spectators expected to attend the Texas-A. & M. football game in Austin on Thanksgiving day, additional seats costing \$5,000 have been added to the bleachers surrounding Clark Field, the athletic field of the University. The seating capacity is now estimated at 20,000, which is an increase of 2,000, compared with the number of seats at the Thanksgiving game in 1920. Because of the keen interest of students and alumni in the outcome of the game play annually between the University of Texas and the A. & M. College, a great deal of preparation is necessary for the game staged alternately on the athletic fields of the two schools. In the opinion of L. Theo Belmont, director of physical training for men in the University, a creditable stadium could be erected eventually for the money spent in the building and tearing down of the temporary seating constructions every two years.

San Francisco. Of course they both are going.

It is reported that the King of Siam has offered Red a commission as "General of the Gray Mare Brigade" and will place him in charge of the royal palace to guard his 488 Royal Wives.

Enmet "Woody" Porter will, as usual, be Chief of Staff.

Texas Leads In Federal Aid For Highway Building

The United Press—
Austin, Oct. 26.—Texas is leading all other states in the Union in the amount of federal aid highway construction, according to Texas Highway Commissioner W. W. McCrary, San Antonio, who was here recently, attending a meeting of the State Highway Commission.

"Texas' appropriation, amounting to \$31,800,000, is the largest federal appropriation," Mr. McCrary said. "Ten per cent of all the completed federal aid highways in the United States are in Texas. Texas has paid out over \$17,000,000 in the construction of these highways, and of this amount, \$6,651,000 has been contributed by the Government," he declared.

Plans and preliminary papers for 3,764 miles of roads which have been approved by the Secretary of Agriculture, and which will be constructed soon, were submitted at the recent meeting.

Twelve Teams In High Schools Out of Football Race

Austin, Oct. 23.—The past week has brought about some interesting developments in the University Interscholastic League High School football race. Twelve teams that held hopes of winning out, being in the undefeated class last week, dropped by the wayside in their last games. Belton lost to Temple, De Leon to Strawn, Honey Grove to Deason, Mineral Wells to Cleburne, Mt. Pleasant to Sulphur Springs, El Paso to Wichita Falls, Rosebud to the strong Waco Club and Solville went out of its section and was eliminated by Beville. A tardy report from Corsicana shows that Athens defeated October 7. Athens should not have been listed with the undefeated teams last week. Corsicana lost to Waxahatchie, but protested the game before-hand on an ineligible charge. Gonzales played at Victoria, the contest being forfeited to Victoria. Paducah quipped a hard fought affair to Floydada, which leaves only four teams in the running in section 2.

Six teams not mentioned last week were reported showing that they deserve a place with the top notches. They are: Beaumont, Eagle Lake, Kennedy, Livingston, Marlin and Torgue. These schools had complied with the rules by enrolling before October 1, but had neglected to report.

Those in charge of the schedules of the undefeated teams are urged to arrange games with other teams of the 100 per cent class or the league will be forced to eliminate some on paper for failing to play strong teams in order that the championship may be decided on time. Teams must help to eliminate or be eliminated.

- The 1,000 per centers are listed by sections:
- Sec. 1. Amarillo, Canadian, McLean, Farnham.
 - Sec. 2. Floydada, Lubbock, Plainview, Slaton.
 - Sec. 3. Abilene, Albany, Breckenridge, Danlin, San Angelo, Stamford.
 - Sec. 4. Bonham, Dallas (Forest Ave), Denison, Farmersville, Greenville, Royce City.
 - Sec. 6. Atlanta, Paris, Sulphur Springs, Texarkana, Tyler.
 - Sec. 7. Midland, Pecos.
 - Sec. 8. Gatesville, Junction.
 - Sec. 9. Hillsboro, Hazza, Marlin, Milford, Toague, Waco.
 - Sec. 10. Livingston, Lufkin, Nacogdoches, Palestine.
 - Sec. 11. Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Hondo.
 - Sec. 12. Austin, Giddings, Granger, San Antonio (Main Ave.), San Antonio (Breckenridge), Smithville, Taylor, Temple.
 - Sec. 13. Bryan, Caldwell.
 - Sec. 14. Beaumont, Beaumont (South Park), Eagle Lake, Galveston, Houston Heights, La Porte, Port Arthur, Wharton.
 - Sec. 15. Beeville, Kennedy.
 - Sec. 16. Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Harlingen, Mercedes, Robstown, San Benito.

JNO. P. LEWIS MARRIED IN WACO LAST MONDAY

In a letter received yesterday morning by a Lubbock citizen from Jno. P. Lewis, Mr. Lewis states that on last Monday night he was married in the city of Waco, took his bride for a jitney ride to the Cotton Palace, and was back on the job next morning as usual. No further facts are given concerning the occasion, not even the name of the lucky bride being divorced.

Mr. Lewis is well known here, having been engaged in business in this city for a number of years, but for the past year or two has been in Waco in the building and loan business.

He is a man of sterling character and is a citizen that any town would be proud to claim. His friends here are legion, and they join us in wishing for the happy couple all the joys that life can bring, and may their days be long and replete with happiness.

The man worth while is the man who can smile before breakfast.

A politician on a speaking tour makes many speaking detours.

ACTUAL WORK OF BUILDING MORE SIDEWALKS IN LUBBOCK STARTED

MEMBERS OF JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ARE PETITIONING PROPERTY OWNERS TO BUILD

LUBBOCK HAS MANY CEMENT SIDEWALKS

Need of More Walks in Securing Free Mail Delivery for City Is Gigantic Problem Which the Young Men of This Organization Are Meeting Squarely.

Lubbock Boys Have Organized Club at A. & M.

The following letter from Royce H. Waters, written at College Station, is self explanatory.

We appreciate the fighting spirit which animates our boys who are making such creditable records in the various educational institutions. They are making their positions a stronghold from where to use every conceivable instrument of boosting to further the cause of their home town, and it is gratifying to know that wherever they are they are boosting for Lubbock, and signifying their pride of being a citizen of this city.

The following letter is of great importance to those interested in what our boys are doing:

College Station, Oct. 21.

Editor Avalanche,
Dear Sir:

The following is the report on the organization of the Lubbock Club at A. & M. to be used if desired.

The attendance of Lubbock boys at A. & M. this year being ten, it was decided that they organize a Lubbock club. The bunch present this year are live wires and are making good in their work. We want the people of Lubbock to know about our college and the people here to know about Lubbock. The picture of the Club group this year will be headed by the design, "Lubbock, the Hub of the Plains." As this picture is placed in the Longhorn, our annual, it will be viewed all over the state.

We were glad to hear that Lubbock is working for Postal Free Delivery and from what we know of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, she will soon have it. Many of the towns in this part of the state have free delivery and only about one-half the population of Lubbock.

As many people are in doubt as to our athletics this year we might say a few words regarding it. Our football team is fast rounding into reasonable shape, as shown by the results of the games with Southwestern University and Louisiana State. The latter game showed decidedly that the Aggies are still there with the punch that has been characteristic ever since they have had a team. We all share the feeling of our coach that there shall be no regrets. From what we read Lubbock III seems to have a little of the old Aggie spirit in their fight for the football championship. We are banking on them to win and we believe that they will.

The College has in attendance this year 1847 students, an increase of several hundred over last year's enrollment. The high school students from over the state seem to be realizing the importance of a college education and we are glad to see so many of them choosing this school.

The membership of the club this year are: W. B. Blankinship, president; Royce H. Waters, secretary-treasurer; Copass Bowen, Glenn Hunt, Chardo Pierce, Kent Knox, Carlisle Tubbs, Everett Bean, Olin Long and C. A. Chipley. Our aim this year is to promote a fellowship among the plainsmen and to help Lubbock on the map as a leading town in a collegiate way, as well as in a commercial way.

Very respectfully,
Royce H. Waters, Secretary.

H. A. MABRAY AND WIFE RETURNED TO LUBBOCK THU.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mabray, who made their home in Lubbock for several months, until six weeks ago when they left for McKinney, returned Thursday.

Mr. Mabray was connected with the job department of the Avalanche Publishing Company, and is here again to be associated with the company in that capacity. He is an efficient and energetic craftsman, and the "boys" at the shop, as well as the management, are glad to welcome him here again.

It is gratifying to know that Mr. and Mrs. Mabray are returning to Lubbock much better pleased with the plains than ever before, and their friends welcome them with the hope that they will ever be pleased with this locality.

This winter's coal storage reminds us of the saying, "Many are cold, but few are frozen."

Raisoll, famous bandit, has quit. It is understood competition in his line is too keen.

The man who doesn't know good manners frequently gets in the soup while eating it.

Women smoking is a great boon to the match business.

Talk and action are separate things in putting over a progressive move, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce members have stopped talking putting over the sidewalks proposition, and to date many progressive citizens, have placed their names on the dotted line, contracting through good will to place substantial sidewalks before their property.

The captains of the various squads were given assignments at a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce room at the Courthouse Thursday morning, and, before evening, had shown their willingness to help further the work in every manner possible. Each captain and his lieutenants were given a section of the city to canvass in interest of the sidewalk movement, and though the full number has not as yet reported enough have to make those in charge of the work feel confident that the Junior Chamber of Commerce members are going to retain their reputation as hustlers, and in all probability Uncle Sam will have occasion to learn that the ninety days given his Lubbock subjects to pave the way for free mail delivery in Lubbock was indeed time enough.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce members have always done the big thing. Lubbock has in the membership of that organization citizens of whom a town of much greater proportions could depend upon to solve, or help to solve, the most perplex problems common to civic developments.

It is good to know that the Senior Chamber of Commerce directors have much confidence in the ability of the Junior chamber to do great things for Lubbock. That body has proved itself so efficient and industrious as to merit commendation from the Senior body, at every instance where they were given a special work to do. The influence of the young members, even though they are not depending on influence alone in this proposition, when brought to bear upon a civic problem is readily recognized. They are in dead earnest to have free mail delivery in Lubbock, and free delivery they will have.

The fact that Lubbock has not heretofore had sufficient sidewalks to have secured this extra mail service is by no means an ill reflection upon the progressiveness of our citizens. There are other towns in the state with less than one-third as many sidewalks as Lubbock has, yet they are so compact as to permit the free delivery, and we are in hopes that those who would criticize Lubbock on account of this matter will first learn the truth of the situation, and we assure our readers that they will do about fact, that is if they wish to do anything other than criticize, and at once find that this situation offers genuine opportunities to boost—after all this same thing will apply to every phase of community work—ignorance is too often the stronghold from which knocking is done.

Lubbock is so big that the property owners have placed sidewalks in front of their homes, and there are several links of vacant lots that are not graded with sidewalks, therefore forming a trap—but because there are not walks along our vacant lots will not be accepted by us as a reasonable excuse for knocking—every town in the state, and if we were a little bolder we would state that every town in the Union, no doubt has somewhere vacant lots alongside which no cement sidewalks are built.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is not trying to do a job that should have been done several months or years ago, and we vigorously resent any statements to the contrary. They are doing some big building in a big town, and are going after it in a big way.

We will throw open our ears and listen in on any criticism anyone will give as regards Lubbock insofar as those criticisms are based upon true conditions—but knocking on a situation about which the knocker is wholly ignorant will not be tolerated without some rebuke from the Avalanche.

LAMB COUNTY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION MET IN OLTON

Littlefield, Oct. 27.—The first meeting of the Lamb County Teachers' Association was held at Olton on Saturday, October 14. A very instructive as well as interesting program was rendered. It was decided that there should be four regular meetings of the association during the school year. The next meeting will be at Littlefield, on Saturday, December 2nd.

What's in a name? Salasen once golf champ, defeated Hagen, British, at a place named Eye.

Women smoking is a great boon to the match business.